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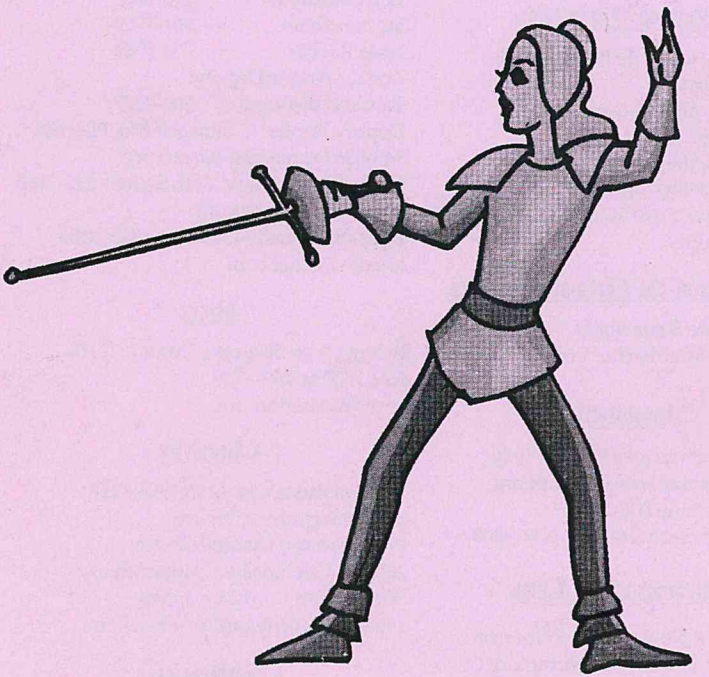

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13	GRAND OUTLANDISH SITE CLEANUP DAY II
13-14	QUEEN'S PRIZE *St. Golias*
20	SWORDED AFFAIRE**
MAY	
4	GRAND OUTLANDISH SITE CLEANUP DAY III
11-12	OUTLANDS CORONATION *Dragonspine*
18	CELTIC GAMES DEMO
22-27	GRAND OUTLANDISH**
JUNE	
1	SPECIAL OLYMPICS DEMO
7-8	RELAY FOR LIFE DEMO
14-16	QUEST FOR THE GOLDEN SCORPION
JULY	
27-29	LONELY MOUNTAIN *Drygestan*

** *Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies*

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the people of al-Barran from your Baron and Baroness, Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina.

Congratulations to Their Royal Highnesses, Sir Bela and Mistress Elizabeth, on their success in Crown Tournament. May the coming months be filled with the joy of good times spent with new friends and old.

Outlands Heralds and Scribes Symposium was a great success. Although Their Royal Majesties were unable to attend the event, we are sure they are very pleased and proud of the hard work of the many people who participated. We give our thanks to the honorable lord Pendar for organizing such a fun and informative day of classes. Our gratitude also goes to the honorable lady Sabia for the delicious luncheon. We were very impressed with the number of people who traveled from afar to attend.

The shire of Aarquelle will be hosting the Outlands Costume Collegium on Saturday, April 6th in the town of Trinidad, CO. It is only a few hours journey from al-Barran and will be more than worth the effort. There are a great number of classes planned covering a wide variety of topics. If you are at all interested in costuming, this is an event not to miss!

Queen's Prize Tourney will be held April 13th in the college of St. Golias. Those artisans wishing to enter should be sure to read the rules printed in the Outlandish Herald. This will be an opportunity to meet and discuss your works with artisans from around the kingdom.

Ahoy! Please join us Saturday, April 20th at our regular fighter practice park for A Sworded Affaire. There will be rapier tournaments and games for noncombatants on the high desert seas. Lady Fermina will have a special prize for those who sing a song to her with a maritime theme. Please look to the article later in the Shaft.

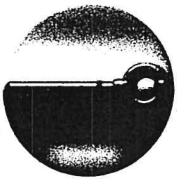
Grand Outlandish will soon be upon us. There are weekends scheduled for site clean up. Look to the article in this issue of the Shaft for further information. Please come and help improve the site. For those groups of people with the most volunteer time, you will get priority picking of your campsite.

Our "monthly tournaments" will resume this month. Sir I. Needham Bledsoe will be hosting the first tournament of the season on Sunday, April 7th. Polish your armor and put on your pomp. The day is sure to be a delight. For more information, look to the article later in the Shaft.

With an open heart and willing hand,

Trevor *Fermina*

From the Seneschal



Greetings,

With Outlandish and summer camping season fast approaching I thought I would go over what is an event and some of the expectations and requirements.

A Society event is "...tournaments, feasts, and other activities whereby participants can display the results of their researches into the culture and technology of the period in an environment which evokes the atmosphere of the pre-17th century European Middle Ages and Renaissance." (Corpora, pg 4). Any educational activities (a.k.a. demos), and meetings where people share and discuss skills or business are also considered society events.

This does not make your household meeting a society event because they are requirements for the participants and for people like me to fulfill to make a gathering a society event. Either the local seneschal (that's me) or someone appointed by the local seneschal (that's an autocrat) has to actually be there. The event has to be sponsored by the local group, also known as the Barony of al-Barran. The gathering must also be announced to the group, another good reason to get a subscription to the Baronial Shaft.

So, a list of examples of what are events would include; anything advertised with an article in the Baronial Shaft or the Outlandish Herald, fighter practice, citizens meeting, and the heraldry meetings. What are not events would be household meetings, guild meetings, and impromptu fighter practices at a friend's house or a local park.

I will go over the requirements and expectations of participants, yes there really are some, and what could happen if they are not met next month.

Also of note, because of the growing list of bounced checks the Barony is considering several options open to us to A) cut down on the number of bounced checks and B) collect on the outstanding ones. In the past these things have been either let go by us or depended on a persons sense of honor to make good. Unfortunately this has not worked out too well, not only are we out the money we are also charged by banks for it. Everything we take in goes back to the populous in the form of enhancing the SCA experience and comfort, the pavilion for example, and to the numerous free events and support at demos. Only a minuscule portion goes to administrative costs. So here's the cliché "Every time we get a bounced check everyone in al-Barran looses." When the financial policy is changed it will be duly advertised in the Shaft (hey, yet another reason to get the Shaft) as well as at the troll of all al-Barran events.

Well, on that upbeat note have a great spring!

Gjerne

From the Knight Marshal

Greetings:

I would like to take time to once again thank all those good gentles that helped marshal at Estrella this year. Your effort is so greatly appreciated.

As we now begin to move into the upcoming tournament season I would just like to remind everyone to please double check your armor on a regular basis. I will be inspecting armor at regular Sunday practice from time to time, but please don't wait until a problem or worse yet an injury occurs to repair worn or broken armor. If you ever have any questions about armor standards feel free to contact me, or any of a number of authorized marshals within the Barony.

Now that War has past for yet another year we will resume the monthly tournament at Sunday practices. This month our tournament will be held on the 7th, and will begin at approximately 1:00 pm. Sir Needham is running a single sword tourney this month. Come out and have some fun with a minimal amount of weaponry.

In conclusion I would like to announce that just because we are concentrating on tournament season and honing individual skills, we have not abandoned melee practice. Some time will be set aside every Sunday to work on melee, and keep our skills sharp in this area as well.

In Service,
James David de Argentias

From the Hospitaller

Unto the Populace Greetings and Merry Met,

We are already off to a great camping and tournament season. We have several events coming up here in al-Barran. Sworded Affaire will be held on the 20th and I hope to see all our light fighters out to play that day at Jeanne Bellamah Park. Also on the 20th, for the heavy fighters there will be a Demo down in Blaiddwyn (UNM), so please contact Gauvain for more information, 873-3951or email kingj@unm.edu.

Also keep track of when Outlandish Clean-up Days are so that you and your household may help out in making Outlandish wonderful as always. If you need more info on when they are contact Ryan 265-3142. Remember if we work together this game is a lot more fun to play!

In Service;
Bronwen Blackwell

From the Minister of the Arts & Science

Hello good gentles,

Please come out and support Queen's Prize! You can find info about it in this Shaft.

A Day of Arts and Sciences is now several weeks past. I am writing to let everyone know that the support of many people made this event possible and great! I am amazed at the complexity of planning and putting on even a small event such as this one. My hat goes off to those bold autocrats of big events such as Midwinter or Grand Outlandish. As a perfectionist, and someone who is not very good at remembering people's names, I am mortified that I will forget to mention, misspell, or demote someone who helped. I probably will--please forgive me. This was the first event I have ever autocrated, and as such a huge learning experience.

Baroness Fermina, who suggested I autocrat this event gave me a lot of encouragement and support for the early planning stages.

Bronwyn photocopied the class schedules and provided her reeve services.

Kathws accepted repeated changes to the Shaft articles, and spent several hours helping me do the hand rubbings on the cover of the February Shaft.

Both Lord Stjerne and Duchess Aziza graciously put up with late night phone calls that I thought were urgent at the time.

Lord Aehdon was my assistant at the event, and organized clean up. His helpers were numerous, and I would like to thank them all for doing a necessary but not so fun job.

THL Sabia cooked a wonderful lunch, and spent almost the entire day in the kitchen organizing the potluck dishes and cleaning up. She was assisted by Cristin, Lady Derdriu, Lady Savya, Lady Browen and THL Steitan.

Lady Alethea la Sage single-handedly set up all the tables and chairs early in the morning before any one else even arrived, greatly reducing my stress levels.

A number of people helped at the troll, even though it meant they would miss classes during their shifts. Gatekeepers included THL Pendar, Lady Kiena, Rognvaldr, Ariann, Lady Danitsa, Duke Koris, Lady Rosamund, and Mistress Elenfea.

As usual in our Barony, many members just showed up and pitched in as they saw the need arise.

And finally, All the teachers spent hours and $$ preparing handouts and materials for their classes and gave away wonderful learning tools and the gift of sharing their time and skill to the people of al-Barran.

Huzzah to all those who made this event work, You have my sincerest Thanks.

Lady Leonore of Black Diamond

From the Captain of Archers

Greetings good gentles,

The InterKingdom Archery Competition season is almost upon us. The season runs from April through November, as does our Archery Practice Season. Those intrepid souls who have been using the indoor archery ranges through the winter- good job. Those of you who cannot find the means to travel to our practice range should take advantage of these ranges, however tis the season to get outdoors and take advantage of practicing at the further distances required by our ranking system which is based upon the average of three Royal Rounds. If you aspire to be the Royal Archer you must be Kingdom ranked. If you want a chance to improve your ranking from Bowman to a higher slot you need to have your Bowman ranking prior to Grand Outlandish. At practice novice archers can get guidance on technique, proper arrow match up, proper equipment, garb, and enthusiastic support from archers using the same type of equipment.

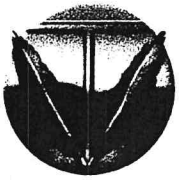
Experienced archers have a chance to share their knowledge, learn how to marshall the field to become warranted archery marshals, and improve their skill in friendly competition. All archers can learn to make their own tackle and accessories. The only cost to you is transportation to the practice range. The IKAC is a competition between all the kingdoms in the knowne world. Scores are collected from around the Outlands and the top three scores in each division determine our placement. Until last season the Outlands maintained position in the top half of reporting kingdoms. al-Barran archers used to be a contributor to our Kingdom's placements but have become lax and complacent contributing only to the Outlands downward slide in standing. Endeavor to improve your skill and knowledge. Make al-Barran once again a leader in the Outlands' archery community and polish the Outlands' reputation for Archery in the Knowne Worlde. Then next year at Estrella War we won't need to have our Calontir allies carry our load to victory.

The practice range is at Mstr Tore's & Mstrs. Sylvia's home. We have built an outhouse for convenience but be sure to bring your own water or drink. Take south 14 (337) from Tijeras and follow it to the very top of the hill. Watch for Woodpecker Circle on your right, take the second intersection marked thus and their home is the second driveway on the left. If you miss the sign you'll see a convenience store on the right where you can turn around. Please park near the storage sheds so as not to block the driveway.

Stay focused on your mark,

Steitan

From the Chronicler



Greetings on this Spring day,

Once again it is time for the al-Barran phone directory to be updated. I will be contacting people through the first 3 weeks of April to see if there are any changes to be made to their listings. If you wish to be listed in the directory you may email at chronicler@al-barran.org, call me at 896-1156 or find me at Fighter practice on most Sundays. If all goes well, the new directory will be going out in May.

The al-Barran webmistress, Kymme Godric, urgently needs your SCA pictures for display on the al-Barran website, please contact her at kymme@substandard.org.

Thank yous go out this month to Sir Needham for his poem, Lord Michael for his Pony World cartoon, and to Lady Bronwen for the clipart donated to the collage front cover. Also included on the front cover collage is a rapier hilt artwork done by Kemery in 1998, from the chronicler art files. And as always the Baronial Shaft has need of your artwork, songs, poems, bits of history, etc. that you wish to donate to making your newsletter more view worthy.

In Service,
Kathus

Tourney at April 7th Fighter Practice

Fighters test your skill on the field of honor. Sunday, April 7 beginning at 1 pm. Sir I. Needham Bledsoe will host a tournament as part of the regular fighter practice.

This will be a single sword, blade only, contest, fought Cor a Cor. Come find out what that means.

The winner of the tournament will be determined by three factors. Winning bouts, impressing the ladies in attendance and the whim of Sir Needham. God save us all.

Knighthood is based on fighting prowess but it requires more. If you have fighting prowess and more, prove it on the field for all to see.

In addition to honor and glory the winner will be presented with a leather baldric, perfect for carrying a second weapon, made by the talented hands of Lord Christopher Blackwood.

Victory at war begins with the edge of a sword but it depends on the honor and pride of he who holds the hilt.

Grand Outlandish Cleanup Weekends

Torrance County Park
Saturday March 30, 2002
Saturday April 13, 2002
Saturday May 4, 2002

10 am to 4 pm

Why do we still need to do cleanup this year? To get rid of ALL the rest of the cactus, or course. Your weapons of choice are gloves, shovels, rakes, etc. and of course lots and lots of enthusiasm!

Don't forget to sign the sign up sheet while eating the provided lunch.

Directions to the site:
From I-40, 19.2 miles east of Albuquerque, take exit 187 (Edgewood). Go South 0.2 miles to the junction of old 66 (also NM 333). Turn left (East) onto old 66 (NM 333) and go 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd (look for Mountain View Elementary School). Turn right (South onto Lexco Rd (Lexco is paved) and go 2.4 miles to Martinez. Turn right (West) onto Martinez (Martinez is gravel) and go 2.4 miles to a small sign on the left of the road that read "Torrance County Park." Turn left (South) onto this unnamed road and go 0.3 miles to the fork in the road (don't pick it up, someone left it there on purpose). Stay to the left and look for your fun-luvin', good time-havin' fellow workers.

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Sometimes one likes foolish people for their folly,
better than wise people for their wisdom.
- Elizabeth Gaskell
The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects
of folly, is to fill the world with fools.
- Herbert Spencer
A fool sees not the same tree that a wise man sees.
- William Blake

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thur
The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year. - Mark Twain	1 Gammer Gurton's Needle Period Acting	2	3 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	
7 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dance Practice	8 Gammer Gurton's Needle Period Acting	9 Blaiddwyn Project night	10 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice (Back to Carlisle Gym!)	A&S Kn Exch Wo
14 Fighter & Rapier Practice	15 Gammer Gurton's Needle Period Acting	16 Citizen's Meeting	17 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	
21 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dance Practice	22 Gammer Gurton's Needle Period Acting	23 Blaiddwyn Project night	24 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	A&S Kn Exch Wo
28 Fighter & Rapier Practice	29 Gammer Gurton's Needle Period Acting	30 *Happy Anno Societatus New Year's Eve*		

You Know What They Say About Fools...

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise: and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things. which are mighty. - 1 Cor 1:27

However big the fool. there is always a bigger fool to admire him. - Nicolas Bolleau-Despréaux

He who lives without folly isn't so wise as he thinks. - François. Duc de La Rochefoucauld

Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed. - Mark Twain

[Politicians] never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge. - Thomas Reed

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18	19	20 Archery Practice Sworded Affaire
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Four Queens

Down by the Avon
I saw four Queens
Dancing by the rising sun

They sang sweet songs
In the morning light
They spoke of ancient ways

Remember what's been forgotten
Know what's been hidden
Touch what's unseeable

Each in turn presented herself
With signs of honor and respect
They gave to me four golden keys

Said these Queens, open the locks
From the chains you've made
You forged them you break them

With each falling lock my vision cleared
My spirit soared and I recalled
Old ways, bold ways, paths of power

Down by the Avon
Four Queens saw me
And made a gift of what they'd seen

In the mirror of Queen's
I have seen the path of King's

By Sir I. Needham Bledsoe

Queen's Prize Tourney

College of St. Golias
April 13, AS XXXVI (2002)
Holiday Inn Express, 1100 California, Socorro, New Mexico, 87801
Setup starts at 9:00 AM, Site opens at 10:00 AM,
Site Closes: 10:00 PM
Site fee: $7.00, Site & lunch fee: $10.00
Checks payable: SCA - al-Barran
Site is Discreetly Wet

It is a distinct honor that the College of St. Golias has been selected to host the Queen's Prize Tourney, held on April 13 AS XXXVI being 2002 Gregorian.

Due to the NM state Science Fair being held at NM Tech on the same day as Queen's Prize, the location for Queen's Prize is not the Student Activity Center on the NM Tech campus (where we have held many events in the past) but the conference room at the Holiday Inn Express, just off the King's Highway (I-25). Please see the directions.

We will be providing a simple lunch, the menu to follow in a later issue of the OH, as well as bread, fruit, and cheese. Other fare is available within easy walking distance (McDonalds, Burger King, and Sonic) or driving a short distance (KFC, Taco Bell, Denny's, Pizza Hut, Tina's, El Camino Restaurant). If there are any special dietary needs, please contact the autocrat.

Given that the Science Fair will be in town at the same time, rooms will be at a premium. If you are planning to stay overnight in Socorro, you are encouraged to make a hotel reservation as soon as possible. Being a college, we have very little crash space available. Please check the web site for hotel information or call/e-mail the autocrat.

Displays: the conference room is fairly large and we will have tables set up. Please contact the autocrat so we can have a list of displays and their location ready by the event (as well as on the web site). If you have a special need for your display, please contact the autocrat and we will try to accommodate your need(s). If your display takes up a large area (more than what can fit easily on a table top), please contact the autocrat with the approximate dimensions of the display to arrange for the needed floor space. Weather permitting, large displays (such as furniture) and performing arts will be outside on the patio next to the conference room.

Please come and see the glory of the artisans of the Outlands!

Directions to Holiday Inn Express in Socorro, NM
From the North: Take I-25 south to Exit 150. Take the second left after the first traffic light - Holiday Inn Express is on your left between McDonalds and Burger King. In sequence the business on the left side of the street go: Kicks 66, McDonalds, Holiday Inn Express, an empty lot, then Burger King; if you go past Burger King you've gone too far. The building that houses the conference room is to the east of McDonalds and to the north of the main hotel. Enter through the patio gate.
From the South: Take I-25 north to either: A) Exit 150 and follow above in-

structions or; B) Take Exit 147 and head north through 5 traffic lights; Holiday Inn Express will be on your right side between Burger King and McDonalds. The building that houses the conference room is to the east of McDonalds and to the north of the main hotel. Enter through the patio gate.

Site Restrictions: No pets, smoking allowed only in authorized areas (there is a sheltered smoking room). Reservations limited to 120 people, with room for approximately 40 tabletop displays.

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Jeanne Bellamah Park, 11516 Summer NE,
Albuquerque NM 87108
Site Opens: 9:00 AM, Site Closes: Dusk
Site fees: $5 includes lunch, under 12 free
Make checks payable to SCA-al-Barran
Site is Dry.
No Reservations Needed.

Ahoy! The Baron and Baroness of al-Barran, Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, invite one and all to join them on the high desert seas for a day of rapier combat and various non-combatant games. There will be a "Walk the Plank" tournament and "Ship to Ship" battles. Please bring your off-hand Herrings and parrots. Eye patches not necessary. Also planned for the day are several silly non-combatant activities including "Boat Races" and "Oar Dancing." A fish stew and other delectables, prepared by Lady Helga of Clan Tynker, will be served for lunch and is included in the rather inexpensive site fee. Press the gang and join us as we make merry!

Directions: Take your best route to Albuquerque. From I-25 go East on I-40. From I-40 take the Eubank exit North. Turn East (Right) on Lomas. Take Lomas to Tomasita. Turn North on Tomasita (Left). Go through two stop signs, past Love and Mountain. Jeanne Bellamah Park will be on your right. We will be in the Southeast corner. (This the usual al-Barran fighter practice park for those who are familiar.)

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Crash Space Coordinator: Lady Isabella al-Harith (Ramona Apodaca) 837-9808 or 235-9729 (cell phone)
After Revel: Lady Danitsa Nemanja (Leah Neumann) 292-5649 dleahneumann@yahoo.com

Rio Grande Celtic Festival Demo

Barony of al-Barran
Menaul School
301 Menaul Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM
May 18, 2002 (A.S. XXXVII)

The SCA is doing a Demo at the 15th Annual Rio Grande Celtic Festival being held at Menaul School. Please come and support us. If you are interested in helping me with the demo contact Caroline at 804-3575. There will be heavy fighting, rapier fighting, court dancing, belly dancing and an A&S showing. Lunch will be provided by the Barony.

Grand Outlandish XXIX

Barony of al-Barran
May 22 – 27, AS XXXVII (2002)
Torrance County Park, Edgewood, NM 87035
Fees: $20 per adult (over 15), $10 under 15 years of age,
and a maximum family cap of $55.
ALL non-members must be sponsored by a SCA member.
The site is wet and the laws of the land do apply
(no alcohol for minors).

The Barony of al-Barran invites one and all to attend Grand Outlandish. The event will be held at the Torrance County Park – the same site as last year. This site is just below 7,000 feet and it has trees with plenty of good camping spots. There is no water on site so everyone is heavily encouraged to bring water to drink and for cooking. There will be plenty of fighting (both heavy and rapier) to display your skills, a town hall with merchants for your shopping, a bardic to show off your talents, archery for those keen of eye, and other fun events.

Attention merchants! We are again asking for pre-registration for Grand Outlandish. Countess Kathryn of Iveragh is our coordinator for merchants. Additional information, forms, and deadlines can be found at http://www.unm.edu/~kballar/GOT/merchants.html.

Plan to attend and have fun!

Directions: From I-25 and I-40, travel 19.2 east on I-40 to exit 187 at Edgewood. Go south 0.2 miles to junction NM333 (Old 66). Go left on NM 333 (Old 66) and travel east 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd (look for Mountain View Elementary School). Turn right on Lexco Rd and travel south for 2.4 miles to Martinez. Turn right and travel west on Martinez. Go 2.4 miles and look for a small sign on the left with "Torrance County Park". This sign marks an unnamed road. Turn left on this road and travel south for 0.3 miles to the park.

Autocrat: Syr Dennis the Wright (Dennis Meyer), 2721 Metzgar SW, Alb, NM 87105, (505)873-0363, omeyer@salud.unm.edu
Merchant Coordinator: Countess Kathryn of Iveragh (Kathryn Ballard), 11100 Gibson SE 1-193, Alb, NM 87123, (505) 298-9032, kballar@unm.edu

Relay for Life Demo

Barony of al-Barran
Albuquerque Academy
Albuquerque, NM
June 7-8, 2002 (A.S. XXXVII)
Site opens June 7 at 3pm; site closes June 8 at noon

On June 7th at 3pm the site opens for Relay for Life at Albuquerque Academy. At 6pm the Cancer Survivor's walk will blow you away. At 6:15 the al-Barran team will take the track to knock the competition out of the water in the costume contest, as well as the theme campsite. We do ask that sandbags are used instead of stakes to weight down the tents. We keep to the track or we have a Fight a Knight/Fight a Don as long as we are participating in the event. There will be food and drink provided as well as many activities that have yet been published. The site closes at noon on he 8th after an awards ceremony.

I am presently recruiting people from our populace to join our team. We will be raising money in various ways please contact me if you: have time to help or have items to donate to fundraisers (i.e.. helms, gauntlets, vambraces, gloves, scarves, dance belts, garb, feast gear, rattan, epées, shields, basket hilts, nibs, washes, trim, anything) or WANT TO JOIN THE TEAM and can participate in a Fight -a- Knight\Fight -a –Don. I need your help for this to be a success. Please give generously of your time & energy.

We have so much fun at Relay that you forget that you are helping the fight against cancer.

Please reach me at (505) 203-3055 or (505) 924-3760work,
or email at dwagner@mercury.bernco.gov
or 2800 Lexington PL NE #125 Albuquerque, NM 87112

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Midsummer's Nights Dream II
Quest For The Golden Scorpion

Barony of al-Barran
June 14-16, AS XXXVII (2002)
"Experimental Site" Tijeras, NM
Site opens June 14th @ 12pm; closes June 16th @ 6pm
Site fee $10 (7 years old and up); 6 and under free
Site is EXTREMELY WET

A weekend of fighting, feasting, revelry, and MURDER!! Yes we said murder. The richest gentle in al-Barran is found dead and everyone is a suspect. Come and help us answer the ever popular question of "who done it"

Along with solving the crime there will be equestrian, archery, light, and

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heavy tourneys. Saturday night all will be invited down to the Town Square for a wonderful feast and much revelry.

Autocrat: Bronwen Blackwell, PO Box 2885 Edgewood NM 87015, 281-6440

Directions: Take your best way to Albuquerque, NM. From Albuquerque, take I-40 east to the Tijeras/Cedar Crest exit, #175. Take the Tijeras side of the exit (right side) and head south. Continue south through the stoplight (Hwy 14 S) for 1.3 miles. Turn left onto Chamisso Canyon Road. Follow road approximately 1 mile directly to the site.

Potluck Desserts needed for Feast

Please bring a pot luck dessert, either period or non-period is welcome for a feast on Saturday the 16th of June at Quest for the Golden Scorpion. If you have any questions, please contact Lady Divina Stargazer at 242-6735 or by email at crimsonladydivina@yahoo.com

"the damnable agent of necromancers and sorcerers. It is well to abstain from chocolate in order to avoid the familiarity and company of a nation so suspected of sorcery (Spain)."
French cleric (1620)

Chocolate Biscotti

4 2/3 cups flour
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 cup baking cocoa
2 cups sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
6 eggs
6 egg whites
1 cup vegetable oil
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Combine flour, cocoa, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt in large bowl; mix well. Add eggs, egg whites, oil and vanilla; mix until mixture forms ball. Shape into two 2-inch diameter logs on lightly floured surface. Place on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes. Slice diagonally 1 inch thick. Arrange cut side down on cookie sheet. Bake for 5 minutes. Turn slices over. Bake for 5 minutes longer. Remove to wire rack to cool. Yield: 3 dozen.

I Love Chocolate Cookbook, page 30, published by Favorite Recipes Press

"If you are not feeling well, if you have not slept, chocolate will revive you. But you have no chocolate! I think of that again and again! My dear, how will you ever manage?"
Marquise de Sévigné (French writer and lady of fashion) February 11, 1677

Estrella Thank Yous

Greetings Outlanders!

I would like one and all to know and sing the praises of the following individuals whose hard work, determination, patience and inspiration went into the many preparations for Estrella War this year. We had a great site set up crew for war that included persons from several Kingdoms. Everyone did a great job of working hard in the heat and keeping a great attitude while doing it. Many volunteer hours were earned for groups that can surely use some financial support and much honor was earned by hardworking gentles. Unfortunately, there is not room here to list all of these diverse and wonderful hardworking people, but on behalf of everyone who had a great time at the war, Thank you! A special thank you to Lady Helga Tynker for her organization and generosity in setting up the hospitality area on Monday for set up. Lord Ryan did a spectacular job of coordinating the Outlands' land and working with his local coordinators as well as those from other Kingdoms. His job is not always an easy one and he exhibited great grace under pressure. What a great camp!

Sir Berold headed up the support staff operations for the war council and did a wonderful job of getting things accomplished without any real guidelines or time. Lady Alethea, Mistress Bahiyaa and others worked with him to get the wonderful foods onto the field and start up the Outlands' soup kitchen after battles. Well done ladies and Berold! The War Council will be meeting in the next month to have follow up meetings about this years war so that we can learn and better our efforts for the years to come. The council is very much still in it's infancy and as such a new part of our Kingdom's resources. We are striving to gather information and learn as we go. Thank you to all who have had patience with our efforts. We look forward to a productive first full year that we can use to make preparations well in advance. Please let us know, in writing, if you have any constructive comments and criticisms for us so that we can synthesize an abundance of experience and information into one useful and efficient operation that benefits all of the geographical and interest groups in the Kingdom. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us on the council about war related issues.

I hope everyone had as spectacular a war as I did.

In service,

Madigan of Kandahar

Secretary for the Outlands War Council
& retired co site autocrat for Estrella War XVIII

"Fruit of all the kinds that the country produced were laid before him; he ate very little, but from time to time a liquor prepared from cocoa, and of an aphrodisiac nature, as we were told, was presented to him in golden cups.....I observed a number of jars, above fifty, brought in, filled with foaming chocolate, of which he took some...."

Bernal Diaz de Castillo, member of Cortez's force, describing a meal of Emperor Montezuma (1519)

Herald & Scribes Symposium Thank You

Greetings from THL Pendar the Bard, Autocrat for the A.S. XXXVI (2002) Heralds and Scribes Symposium

I had a wonderful time at this event and I hope that everybody else who attended did as well. I would like to begin by giving special thanks to Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, the Baron and Baroness of al-Barran for their generosity in hosting this event. I would also like to thank those who brought scrolls to display and neat projects to do in the cafeteria.

My special thanks go to the teachers, without whom there would not have been any event at all. Shayk Da'ud ibn Auda, Countess Kathryn of Iveragh, Baron Modar Neznanich, Ban-Fili Cailte Caitchairn, Master Adam Stedefast, Mistress Bennet Murray, Mistress Tatiana Pavlovna Sokolova, THLdy Eirene Tzmiskina Kontostephanina, Doña Maria Sol de Leon, THLdy Rivka Vladimirovna Rivkina, Lord AEthelwulf of Golias, Lady Sorcha MacLeod, and Lady Dimiana bint al-Katib.

My biggest thanks go to the three individuals who I believe worked the hardest to make this event a success. Lady Sorcha MacLeod, who not only taught two classes but kept me on my toes while I was organizing things and maintained a website for the event. Lord Stjerne-Odd Sorenson, the site coordinator, who did the most work setting up and cleaning up. And Lady Safia al Sabia al Zarqa, who prepared a fantastic middle-eastern repast for lunch and made sure there were donuts and drinks available all day long. Due to the food and the scroll displays the cafeteria became the social center for the day. (I will see if I can get her to put her lentil pate recipe on the web.) :)

I can't give a head count. Stjerne took the troll list at the end of the event before I got a chance to look at it. I'm guessing we had somewhere between 60 and 70 people attending.

Class notes will be put on the web as they become available.

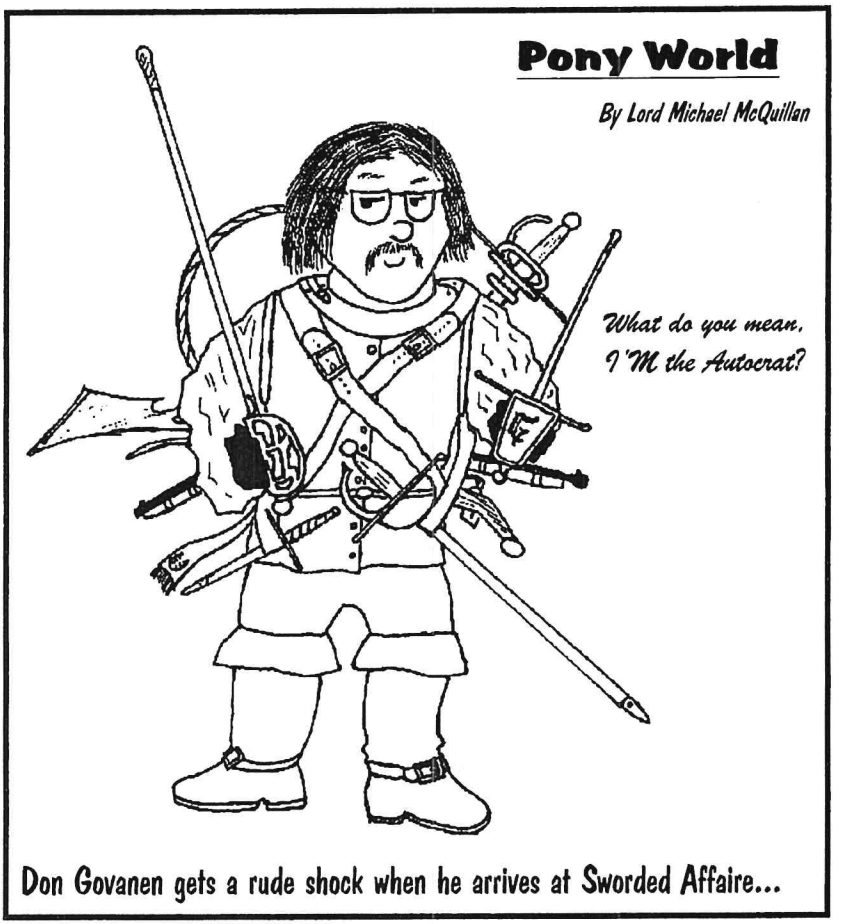
There was only one lost and found object: a purple ceramic mug that was left in the computer lab/consultation area.

In service,
-THL Pendar the Bard

A Plea for Help from Lady Barbara

Woodworkers Wanted

To enhance the ambiance at events and to protect our 250 watt stereo system, I am seeking someone who would be willing to create a tri-fold (or multi-fold) free-standing, wood-framed screen, with speaker cloth inserts, to put in front of our 250 watt, shelf stereo system at events to hide it, but not dilute the sound. Currently, we use scarves or cloth to lay over the front of the sys-


Pony World
By Lord Michael McQuillan
What do you mean, I'M the Autocrat?
Don Govanen gets a rude shock when he arrives at Sworded Affaire...

tem, but this potentially cuts off needed air flow to the sound system and cuts down the volume as well.

I am also seeking someone willing to design and create a wooden, period-looking, collapsible (take apart) stand, about 4 to 5 feet tall, on which we could place a sound system for greater sound enhancement, both at the park and at indoor events. Please contact me at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu if you or your household is willing to help with either of these projects, either in the donation of materials, design, or creation.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Barbara

A fool must now and then be right by chance. - Cowper
It is better to be a fool than to be dead. - Stevenson
Cooking foolish does the spirit good. - John Updike

Gammer Gurton's Needle

Gammer Gurton's Needle will meet in April at Lady Dalia d'Auria's house. Her address is 2800 Lexington Pl. NE #125 and phone is 203-3055. Directions are: Take your best route to Candelaria and Eubank. Lexington is one block south of Candelaria off Eubank. Behind the Albertson's, drive past the parking lot behind the store to the second parking entrance to Lexington Place Apartments. Park in the main parking lot by the silver mailboxes. Her apartment is around the building behind the boxes, third on the right. We will be working on various projects to donate to our largesse box for the barony.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different handwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, card weaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of all instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers. Contact Rosamond at ladyyrosamond@earthlink.net or 865-9082 for more information.

Court Dancing Article

Court Dance practices will be held on Sundays, April 7 and 21 at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park) 12:30-2:30 PM. Everyone, age 7 and up is welcome. There will also be court dancing at Sworded Affaire on April 20th also being held at fighter practice park.

Special thanks to THLd Teuton for the creation and donation of a wonderful second portable hole to hold our second maypole. At long last we may use both Maypoles in our Maypole dancing.

Yours in service,
Lady Barbara

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. Meetings will take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW; call Lady Skia at 344-0094 for directions.

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice
Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord James David 832-5393*

Rapier Practice
Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Archery Practice
1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Lady Sylvia's home. *Contact: Lord Steitan 832-4186*

Citizens Meeting
3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. Remember new site; MAP on page 8! *Contact: Lord Stjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting
The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 207 Dartmouth SE, Albuquerque. *Contact: THL Pendar 866-4369*

Court Dance Practice
Sundays, 12:30 to 2:30 PM, April 7 & 21 at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah Park). Court dance practice is open to everyone age 7 and up. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453, or by email at: krege@aps.edu*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice
Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Fighter Practice with the start of daylight savings on April 7th will be moving back to the front side(east) of Carlisle Gym at UNM. Gear may be dropped off in the front but parking is at the meters, visitors lots or across Central Ave. Valid UNM permit parkers may use lot West of CG. *Contact: Lord Ryan 265-3142*

Gammer Gurton's Needle
The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

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Period Acting
Meetings held Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Gatewood Apartments Community Room, 6300 Montgomery Blvd. *Contact: Lyonette 881-1758*

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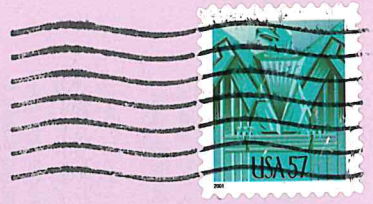

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